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■ **ANALYSIS:** Responsibilities for operations up in the air

North-south airports battle in the wings

GREG FURNINGER
Postmedia Network

A north-south battle could be in the wings as north Niagara municipalities push to upload their costs and responsibilities for operation of Niagara District Airport onto Niagara Region.

That plan — it would ease the burden on St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls property taxpayers — could stick costs for the Niagara-on-the-Lake airport with all 12 lower-tier municipalities — including Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne and Wainfleet, whose residents already fund Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport through their local taxes.

Councils representing the municipalities partnered with the Niagara-on-the-Lake airport all support Niagara District Airport commission's desire to move its facility from one for general aviation to one that supports international flights, under regional control of its current annual operating budget of \$300,000.

But when the matter moves to regional council chambers for consideration, expect turbulence.

Says Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn of the north's proposal, "I put it on Facebook. I'm not supportive of this unless they look at both airports at the same time."

Right now, the north is giving no consideration to the Pelham-based airport, including what impacts it may incur if a plan to move the Niagara-on-the-Lake airport toward an international hub, with needed expenditures of an estimated \$80 million, moves ahead.

Decisions made about changes to the way the Niagara-on-the-Lake airport functions will affect the other, Augustyn says.

"They really are part of our transportation niche, so the two have to be looked at in tandem."

What's being talked about in the north is independent of any consideration for the municipal airport in the south.

"This, unfortunately, is coming across as the (north) municipalities attempting to upload the funding responsibility to the region," Augustyn says.

"I don't know if that's what they're trying to do, but that's how it's coming across."

Mike Britton, a St. Catharines city councillor who sits on the Niagara District Airport commission, says that's not the case.

What is hoped is that there is political will now to act on a proposal put forward as far back as 1993.

"It's a rare opportunity where we have a better service for less," he says, adding the commercial plans if successful will mean none of Niagara's southern municipalities would find themselves presuming to pay taxes for operation of second airport.

Britton, a Ward 3 St. Catharines councillor, says a 2013 feasibility study for the airport shows the proposal that soon could land in front of regional councillors "could be profitable." Investment in the north will bring economic rewards far greater than would investment in the southern airport, he says.

He also suggests an international hub would have no impact on operations now offered at the Taylor Rd. centre.

Still, for Niagara Region not to consider an upload of both airports could be seen as flying in the face of its very own Grow South economic development policy.

The Pelham airport and the one in Niagara's north both serve numerous commercial enterprises throughout the area.

"Together, the two airports have a huge economic impact on the region" — and that doesn't include the potential for far greater impact with



Niagara District Airport commission wants Niagara Region to take over the Niagara-on-the-Lake airport, shown.

proper investment, says Richard Rybiak, chair of the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport commission.

"They are part of the fabric of our landscape, and should not be viewed as just being under the purview of the privileged" who own planes, says Rybiak, a Ward 1 Pelham councillor.

"Both airports together represent a complimentary and self-supporting system," he says.

It is a desire that Niagara Region also become a funding partner in the southern airport, he says.

"That's something we'd like to change," he says.

"The amount of money required is far outweighed by the economic impact — and not the potential impact."

Regional Chair Alan Caslin was unavailable to comment on this story Friday, but his office did issue a statement attributed to him.

"We will examine all proposals for regional airports that are received by regional council."

"Once received, all proposals will be studied and assessed with considerations given to regional council's strategic plan and the transportation master plan which is targeted for completion in 2017."

No motions have been put forward by Niagara Region from

either airport's commission.

Rybiak says if the north's plans take flight, the southern airport will be able to better offer services to private flyers than could be at a less publicly accessible international facility that would require infrastructure for security and screening for outgoing and incoming flights by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority and Canada Border Services Agency.

The 416-acre Pelham airport, which has a conservatively estimated economic impact to the region of between \$5 million and \$8 million, has two paved runways (lengths of 3,500 and 2,670 metres) also has water landing access on the Welland River and accommodates glider training and parachuting.

"We are not in competition" with Niagara District Airport, Rybiak says — stressing consideration of Niagara Region operation of both airports is not about "fairness," but instead the economy.

Both airports, he notes, contribute to economic growth.

Including revenues, the south airport has an annual operating budget of less than \$200,000. Its four partnered municipalities contribute about \$1 per resident to its operation.

Like the Niagara-on-the-Lake airport, and many others across

the country, development tends to be grounded by lack of money.

"There's not a lot of it going into reserves, so the infrastructure will not survive on its own," Rybiak says.

An appeal for donations on the southern airport's website identifies priority spending areas as runway and apron repairs, a new septic system and historic building repairs.

The southern airport's tenants include St. Catharines Flying Club, Niagara Skydiving Centre and Tarczy Aircraft mechanic services, and says Rybiak, Acceptor Radar Technologies is building a demonstration hangar. It is also home to 87 Eagle Squadron Air Cadets and CPGA Flight 149.

The north says it's not afraid to properly invest its airport; it has potential for building the local economy.

Says the south: Ditto.

"They're both valid regional facilities you want to look at," says Welland Mayor Frank Campion. "You can't forget us down here."

So, let the showdown — as a segment of Niagara's economic community calls for the creation of just one Niagara government — begin.

Niagara's money-losing airports have always been fodder for political debate.

And be sure — parochialism will again rear its ugly head.

A Jacobs Consultancy report released in August 2009 recommended Niagara Region take the reins of Niagara District Airport — but also specifically said that the upper-tier municipality not control or regularly fund Niagara Central Airport.

However, that report also recommended St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls continue paying a share of operational costs for their airport — something which with Niagara District Airport commission's current proposal.

At the same time the 2009 Jacobs report came out, regional council was then into months of discussion on whether to fork over \$2.6 million towards planned \$11.4-million renovations to the Niagara-on-the-Lake facility. The federal and provincial governments promised \$7.6 million towards critical security, runway and building improvements — but that money was contingent on the cash-strapped airport finding a municipal funding partner with deeper pockets.

In September 2009, regional council reluctantly agreed to spend \$3.8 million on the airport marking its 80th anniversary to ensure the \$8 million in Building Canada Fund stimulus cash from Ottawa and Queen's Park would not be lost.

The money for Niagara District went to security fencing, repairing all runways and taxiways and adding new taxiways to make traffic movement faster and safer. The 1960s-era terminal was also replaced.

That report's commission then also hoped the changes — read if we build it, they will come — would bump up airport revenues toward self-sustainability.

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■ CRIME

After-prom party turns violent in Pelham

GREG FURMINGER
Postmedia Network

This is a post-prom party in Pelham not to be forgotten — for all the wrong reasons.

Among them: alcohol, punching, kicking, swinging of a steel pole, unconsciousness, black eyes, a brain hemorrhage, ripped clothing, stolen jewelry and six youths arrested.

The melee broke out early Wednesday morning, but Niagara Regional Police issued its first media release Sunday afternoon on what happened in the area of Tce Rd. and Maple St.

The police investigation took days to sort out, and involved central region detectives, the No.

3 District school resource officer, street crime unit and uniform officers from Niagara Falls.

Charges were laid over recent days.

Police said a group of local high school students attended the prom after-party, just past midnight, which also involved a group of youths from the Falls. It appears as if some students were drinking alcohol, police said.

In an e-mail exchange Sunday, Sgt. Wayne Genders described the event as a bush party.

He identified the Pelham group as a bunch of teens from E.L. Crossley.

Police said a fight broke out amongst the students from Pelham and Niagara Falls at about 3 a.m.

Genders could not affiliate the Falls youths as being from a specific school, but did say two who would end up arrested "have numerous contacts with police."

An 18-year-old male was assaulted in the face and torso, until he was knocked down, where he was repeatedly kicked into unconsciousness, police said. The victim received a brain hemorrhage, a black eye, broken nose and scrapes and bruising.

Another 18-year-old

Welland male, police said, was then attacked after he tried to stop the fight. He was dragged away and punched by a group of youths until he fell to the ground, where he was repeatedly kicked. He suffered a black eye and scrapes and bruising.

A third victim, a 17-year-old Wainfleet boy, was then attacked by one of the males. Police said he had his shirt ripped off, his gold chain stolen and was assaulted and choked. A male suspect demanded the victim's wallet, stating that he was robbing him.

This victim suffered no injuries, police said.

Police allege in the release

that the same suspect was also involved in a dispute with an 18-year-old Pelham female. The suspect had a four-foot steel pole and attempted to swing it at her. She managed to get away, and was not hurt in the attempted attack, police said.

A fifth victim, a 17-year-old Pelham male was head-butted in the face by a male suspect, causing his nose to fracture.

Five people from Niagara Falls have been arrested and charged, and a sixth person charged is from no fixed address.

Brandon Bird, 19, is charged with aggravated assault, assault

and fail to comply with probation.

Mohamad Rizk is charged with robbery, aggravated assault, assault and assault with a weapon.

Youssef Rizk is charged with assault causing bodily harm.

Andrew Danekuk, 19, is charged with aggravated assault, assault and assault causing bodily harm.

A 17-year-old male, whose identity is protected by the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with aggravated assault and assault.

A 17-year-old female with no permanent address is charged with aggravated assault.

1,400 attend rainy strawberry festival



ALLAN DENNER/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Taylor White, 15, enjoys a bowl of strawberries and ice cream at the Shorthills Volunteer Fire and Rescue Strawberry Festival, an annual fundraising event for the Pelham fire hall that attracted as many as 1,400 visitors from the community for strawberries, barbecued food, activities and live music by Shore Thing, on Saturday.

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DAVE AUGUSTYN
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From the historic settlements of Effingham, Fenwick, Fonthill, Ridgeway and North Pelham, the town of Pelham remains grounded with a distinctive, small-town feel.

Home to diverse and creative businesses, Pelham also offers unique goods and services to residents and visitors. Their continued success depends on our patronage. You and I are also blessed to have so many of our neighbours working to make our town a prosperous, vibrant and caring community.

I continue to marvel at the work and dedication of so many generous volunteers who form the foundation of our vibrant community.

From the Fenwick Lions Carnival to the weekly farmers' markets to the 10th annual Fonthill bandshell concert series to Pelham Summerfest to the Canada Day Parade, volunteers organize and run our town's significant public events.

From Communities in Bloom to the horticultural society to those people who have "adopted a road," volunteers

work to beautify our town.

In every sport from baseball and hockey to soccer and tennis, volunteers — such as the coaches, convenors and scorekeepers — ensure that our children enjoy the fun of the game.

We also live in a peaceful, safe community with great schools, and many recreation opportunities. We enjoy clean water, wonderful libraries and a great mix of fully-accessible neighbourhood and community parks.

Devoted volunteer firefighters, a dedicated police

service and expert emergency personnel protect you and I from harm. We have fair access to good and affordable health care.

We enjoy freedoms of conscience and religion, of thought, belief, opinion and expression, of assembly and of association. We are free from persecution and from tyranny.

And, while we may have some work in a few of these areas, when compared on a global scale, we fare very well and should be very thankful. The Pan Am & Parapan

Am Games and the FIFA Women's World Cup hosted by and in Canada this summer help showcase our amazing country and her dedicated volunteers.

As you and your family and friends commemorate our country's 148th birthday, I hope you will join me in thanking and in giving thanks for our Pelham and our Canada.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

Former tug Tipperary sank off Florida in 2014

SKIP GILLHAM
for Postmedia Network

The tug *Tipperary* was upbound in the Welland Canal, on its delivery trip to the Great Lakes, on May 25, 1981.

It worked out of the Detroit area for the Gaelic Tug Boat Co. until departing Detroit for New York as *Tilly* on Aug. 23, 1980.

This vessel was built for the Defense Plant Corp. in

1943 as *D.P.C. 86* and was stationed at New York looking out for mines and submarines that might infiltrate the harbour during this time of war.

It was sold to the Lewis Oil Co. to push its fuel barges on the Hudson River in 1947 and served as *Lewis No. 4*. This continued until the ship came inland for work as *Tipperary* in 1981.

Then, as *Tilly*, the vessel had several owners and the

last occupant, apparently a homeless man, lived on board the ship at a marina in Key West, Fla. The unseaworthy vessel was evicted in a dispute with the marina, towed out to sea with the resident still on board on Feb. 21, 2014, and anchored off Key West.

A few days later the tug sank in deep water as a total loss although the resident was rescued. Legal action was expected.

BRIAN BARTY
for Postmedia Network

Niagara Region has put in place an annual funding program directed at resolving issues related to poverty.

The program is known as Niagara Prosperity Initiative (NPI). Efforts began in 2006 when an Ontario Early Years data analysis co-ordinator facilitated community focus group sessions across the 12 lower-tier municipalities. At these sessions participants looked at maps to determine neighbourhood boundaries.

Through consensus 74 neighbourhoods were identified and named.

A neighbourhood mapping tool was created to measure a number of determinants of poverty and the mapping tool was then used to focus on the development of programs to address poverty.

This NPI tool is available at www.niagaramapping.ca. You can click the NPI mapping tool and then click on any community. Selecting a demographic will highlight most populated for that group in lighter to darker

brown colours. Selecting an indicator will highlight in red areas where the issue selected requires attention. It is worse than the average.

The demographics include: total population, sole support parents, immigration, children aged 0 to 14, population over 65, tenant-occupied dwellings and average gross rent. The indicators include low income measure, unemployed, percentage of income on rent above 30% and percentage of no high school education in ages 25 to 64.

A team of reviewers is assembled from diverse members of the community from across Niagara including several regional councillors. A detailed marking scheme is provided for each reviewer and each proposal is reviewed by two or more reviewers. They present their review separately and then the group provides input. Each project is accepted, modified or rejected and the originator is given feedback on why the project was not accepted. In every year the number of submissions far exceeds the available. The 2015 projects were

distributed throughout Niagara and in the following categories:

10 Educational programs for children
10 Community gardens
one access to food; four life skills for adults; three community development; three assistance with shelter; three job skills; two direct services and one for a research/conference/seminar.

Annually, \$1.5 million dollars is budgeted for this initiative. To date, 44 projects have been approved with a total more than \$1.3 million dollars budgeted. These projects will serve 7,453 people.

All projects are reviewed throughout the duration of the project and a final report is submitted to regional council through the public health and social services committee. As a Pelham regional councillor, I have served for several years on this NPI review team. I have had discussions with Pelham Cares about similar projects that might be considered for Pelham in future grant submissions.

Brian Barty is a regional councillor for Pelham and a member of the public health and social services committee.



Tipperary is pictured on the Detroit River in this undated photo by Mike Nicholls.

■ HEALTH CARE

NHS back in black for first time in 5 years

BILL SAWCHUK
Postmedia Network

There were a lot of smiling faces at the annual general meeting of Niagara Health System last week.

Ending the year with the organization's first surplus in five years will do that.

The NHS recorded a surplus of \$6.53 million, which will be used to continue paying down long- and short-term debt, said Angela Zangari, executive vice-president of finance and operation of the NHS, after the meeting.

The NHS has an annual budget of about \$500 million.

"It's not really a whole lot different than your own personal home," said Zangari. "Things go up on a regular basis and you have to look at ways to do things differently."

She said the NHS ran a deficit of \$450,000 last year, and the organization was planning to run a surplus on a regular basis.

"I truly get a sense in the Niagara Health System that everyone is aware and wants to make sure we are putting all our resources where it really matters the most, which is patient care and quality," said NHS board

chair Dr. Barry Wright, who ran the meeting in the auditorium at St. Catharines hospital.

Over the course of the year covered by the report, the NHS had 30,039 admissions and maintained 722 beds. There were 2,846 births at its facilities, 5,760 cataract surgeries and 20,576 MRI scans.

The report said about 76% of NHS expenses are related to the provision of direct patient care for inpatient nursing units, clinics, diagnostic imaging and ther-

pies.

About 15% of costs are related to support services like housekeeping, food and nutrition, maintenance, biomedical, registration, health records and education services.

Another 10% of costs relate to administrative services such as administration, human resources, finance, material management and information and communication services.

"We know we have to be diligent and continue

on the right path to financial sustainability," Zangari said. "That's something that helps us move forward and re-invest in equipment and innovation."

The meeting heard reports from chief executive officer Kevin Smith, president Dr. Suzanne Johnson and chief of staff Dr. Tom Stewart.

"Our health system has experienced amazing successes and developments in the past year," Wright said.

"We've attracted new leaders, staff and physicians and

we are proud of our emerging culture."

"We continue to develop a culture of safety and quality, working with academic partners like Brock University, McMaster University and Niagara College. And we continue with the development for our ambitious future, including a new south Niagara hospital, and working with all communities to strengthen local health care."

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■ ART

In The Orchard summer programming

FRANKI IKEMAN
Postmedia Network

In The Orchard will be running several programs throughout the summer aimed at people of all ages.

It has eight summer camps running throughout July and August:

July 6-10: Theatre Arts for kids aged 7-14, July 13-17: Fashion and Bling for kids aged 5-14, July 20-24: Paint Big for kids aged 7-14, July 27-31: Sculpture for kids aged 5-14, August 3-7: Mindcraft for kids aged 5-14, August 10-14: Around The World for kids aged 5-14, August 17-21: Earth Art for kids aged 5-14 and August 24-28: Thrift Shop Treasure for youths aged 14 and up.

The price of summer camp is \$165 a week for full-day or \$150 a week for half-day. Funding from the Town of Pelham is going to help send the first 100 kids to register for \$150.

In The Orchard is also running its Shabby Chic workshops again this summer every Thursday and Saturday throughout July. The program is free to artists looking to learn skills in furniture refurbishing and upcycling. The furniture refurbished in the workshops will be sold at Pelham Summerfest with proceeds from sold pieces going back to In The Orchard. The program is for anyone aged 14 and up.

In The Orchard will be running its summer art markets Thursday evening. Artisans, crafters and local organic farmers are invited to contact In The Orchard. The art show is juried and artists must apply by e-mailing Sam at itoartcamp@gmail.com. The markets run every Thursday at 4 p.m. behind the In The Orchard building until Aug. 27.

For more information on In The Orchard's summer programs, call 905-892-1709.



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WHAT: 1) Planning Meeting for a Zoning By-law Amendment in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.
2) Planning meeting for a separate, unrelated Official Plan Amendment in accordance with Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

WHEN: Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Town of Pelham Municipal Office - Council Chambers
(20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill)
Town of Fonthill
AM-02-2015 and OP-AM-2015

Topic: Notice #1: Zoning By-law Amendment, AM-02-2015 (IAP-1)
A Town related application to amend Zoning By-law no. 1136 (1987) was received for the lands comprised of the Town of Pelham.
The applicant (Town) seeks approval to amend Zoning By-law no. 1136 (1987) to correct several technical deficiencies and bring the Zoning By-law further into conformity with the Official Plan.

Topic #2: Official Plan Amendment, OP-AM-2015 (IAP-2)
A Town related application to amend the Official Plan was received for the lands comprising the Little Longfellow Boundary Areas of Fenwick and Fonthill.
The Town seeks approval to amend the Official Plan to modify the policies for residential intensification and semi-detached townhouses, multiple and apartment dwellings within the Little Longfellow Boundary Areas of Fenwick and Fonthill, and to include new areas for potential intensification.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND COMMENT!
Please provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town of Pelham. To provide input in writing, or to request personal review of the proposed amendment in addition, please send a letter to: Town Clerk, Nancy J. Bezzina, PO Box 400, 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1B9.
Written electronic comments, personal information and all comments will become part of the public record and may be publicly released.

Write Media Statements? (Optional)
For more information, please contact Joe LaRocca, Community Planning & Development Administrative Assistant, at 905-892-2607, ext. 321 or email at jlarocca@pelham.ca.
A copy of the Information Report regarding the proposed amendment, as well as any additional information regarding the application, may be viewed on the Town's website at pelham.ca or at the Community Planning and Development Department (2nd Floor) until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2015.

Service of Notice:
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make a written submission to the Town of Pelham before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in a written notice of appeal, the person or public body may not be added as a party. If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Pelham and such request must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated at the Town of Pelham, on 10th day of June, 2015. Nancy J. Bezzina, Town Clerk.

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E.L. Crossley Secondary School held its graduation ceremonies June 25 at Niagara College in Welland. Pictured from left are District School Board of Niagara Excellence in Education Award winner Keagin Collie, Governor General's Academic Medal winner Brianna Dean, Principal's Recognition Award recipient Nikki Sohl, principal Ed Goerzen, valedictorian Michael Miller and Principal's Recognition Award recipient Nick Moloski.

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■ MOCK DISASTERS



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Pelham firefighters work at a mock disaster site last week at Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport.

Pelham firefighters prepare for the worst at airport

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For pilot Chris Jones, it's a scenario he never wants to happen in real life.

The jump pilot with Niagara Skydiving played the part of victim in one of two mock disasters that played out on the tarmac of Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport last week.

He was carried off on a backboard after being extricated from the cockpit of a supposedly crashed plane.

"I certainly wouldn't want that happen for real," said Jones.

"It was a unique experience. You can't see very

well, you can't move, they secure you pretty well," he said.

"It's great training for these guys, and we know what to expect."

Pelham fire Capt. Otto Henrich said there were about 20 firefighters working the scenarios.

"We have two different situations, one with a parachutist in the trees and one where a plane came down on the road and flipped it (car) over.

Airport manager David Devine said the emergency exercise was designed to be proactive with safety.

He said the airport has never experienced this kind

of event, that he is aware of. "You don't expect this ever to happen, but you have to be prepared for what could happen," he said.

"The airport is experiencing growth with the number of tourists that come through and hangar growth.

"It's time to do this in a

worst-case scenario."

Devine added it is hoped to do a similar exercise again in the fall once participants have gone over what they learned. They hope to include other emergency services on a bigger scale.

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During the one-week collection in April this year, 8,000 kilograms of batteries were picked up, which represents a 15% increase over 2014, the report says.

The report notes the region spent, including promotion costs, \$19,402 on the initiative this year but expects to receive \$12,776 back on the sale of the batteries for a net cost of \$6,626. Staff project the net cost in 2016 to be reduced to \$3,075.

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